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A LIST OF REFERENCES.

It is intended in the following list to give a few titles of books and other publications of local interest, the subject of transportation in general being too voluminous to be dealt with here.

The history of Passenger transportation in Boston is given in C. W. Ernst's Boston and transportation [4454.47], printed by the Bostonian Society in their Proceedings for 1898, pp. 18–31, in which Mr. Ernst gives an account of the early days of coaching and dwells on transportation by water lines. A sketch of the progress in New England from the time of the stage coach to the present is traced by Josiah H. Benton, jr., in his Railroad transportation in New England [7650a.77]. Much interesting matter regarding early methods of travel may be gleaned from the biographies of early Bostonians and New Englanders; among others those of Adams and Samuel Breck may be mentioned. Descriptions of the methods of conveyance in use before the introduction of the railway may be found in the histories of Boston and in advertisements in the early newspapers. In the Massachusetts Register [*2349.1] are found "Lists of Stages that run from Boston, and the Places from which they start." Other matters of interest concerning the stage lines may be found in early years of the Boston Almanac [*4359a.1], and in Spofford's Gazetteer of Massachusetts, 1828 [*2383.9]. The annual reports of the various railroad companies terminating in Boston and those of the street railway companies in Boston will be found useful and may be consulted in the Library. The recent great development of electrical and street railroads may be studied in Johnston's Electrical and street railway directory [*3960a.73], and the progress of steam locomotion from the earliest times is set forth pictorially in Pangborn's World's railway [*8010.157].

The legislation on the subject may be found in Special Statutes of the Commonwealth relating to the City of Boston, passed prior to January 1, 1897 [*6355.66]; in the City Council Proceedings, 1868 to date [*6350.2], and in City Laws and Ordinances since 1850 [*6351.80–104]. A convenient Index to City documents 1834 to 1897, by James L. Hillard, may be found in the Bates Hall reference library [*6356.2].

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